

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, as follows:*

The ~~present invention described technology~~ relates to a developing device used in an image forming device such as a copying machine, a printer, and a facsimile machine employing an electro-photographic system, and relates to an image forming device.

*Please amend the paragraphs beginning at page 3, line 22 through page 12, line ~~6~~<sup>8</sup>, as follows:*

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~~The One or more aspects of the present invention has been devised in view of address~~ this situation. An object of the ~~present invention~~ is to provide a developing device in which arrangement of one end portion of a reflux plate is optimized in the vicinity of the outer periphery of a stirring roller so that reflux of developer is stabilized.

Another object of the ~~present invention~~ is to provide a developing device in which arrangement of one end portion of a reflux plate is optimized in the vicinity of the outer periphery of a stirring roller so that the rate of circulation of developer is enhanced.

Yet another object of the ~~present invention~~ is to provide a developing device in which the inclination angle of a reflux plate is optimized so that reflux of developer is stabilized.

Further, another object of the ~~present invention~~ is to provide a developing device in which arrangement of one end portion of a reflux plate is optimized in the vicinity of the outer periphery of a stirring roller so that mixing of flowed-back developer and supplied developer is improved.

Further, another object of the ~~present invention~~ is to provide a developing device in which small-grain diameter developer is used so that image quality is improved.